

The Caledonian Mercury.

Edinburgh, Thursday, July 31, 1729.

Wye's Letter verbatim, London, July 26.

Since our last arrived a Dutch Mail.

WE are informed from Falmouth, that on the 20th Instant, the *Townsbend* Packet arrived there in 4 Days from Corruna; and that Captain Cowper, the Commander reports, that the Day after he left Spain, he met with a French Ship of about 12 Guns; and as they stood one to the other, the Packet shewed him his Colours, and when they were nigh each other, the French Ship put about, and fired a Shot at the Packet, which fell within half a Pistol shot; but the Packet out-failing her, she left off her Chace.

Yesterday a Hoy sailed with Provisions for the Fleet at Spithead, which 'tis generally believed will not continue much longer there, before they will have Orders, either to put to Sea, or be laid up; the former of which, in the Opinion of some, seems most likely: For notwithstanding we have been so many Months in Expectation of the King of Spain's final Resolution, we are far from knowing, whether the Dispatches which the Courier Bannieres has at last brought, are satisfactory.

Accounts from Paris by the Holland Mail confirm, that the forenamed Courier has brought no positive Answer from his Cath. Majesty; and that as to the Contents of his Dispatches, not one Particular thereof could be learned with any Certainty: Several Conferences have been held since his Return, betwixt Cardinal de Fleury and the Plenipotentiaries, who have sent Expresses to their Courts with the Result of the said Conferences; and 'tis assured on the Return of the said Expresses, the Courier Bannieres will be sent again to the Court of Spain. Mean time they add, that it was still discoursed at Court, that the Peace will soon be concluded, and that his Cath. Majesty seemed well satisfied with the Propositions made him by the Allies of Hanover in favours of the Infant Don Carlos.

The Advices from Hanover intimate, that a strict Friendship would soon be restored betwixt

that Court and that of Berlin; and that the Talk of a Marriage betwixt the Prince of Wales and the Princess Royal of Prussia was revived.

Mr. Walden the Messenger, who arrived Yesterday Express from Hanover, brought with him several new Pieces of Gold and Silver coin'd, being the Produce of the Mines of his Majesty's German Dominions.

Our Merchants and Traders wish that some Certainty may be collected from the Advices by the next Mail, in relation to the pacific Negotiations, so that our Commerce, which has been a long time drooping, may revive, and the Poor meet with Employment.

They write from Dublin of the 19th Inst. that their Castle was putting in Repair for his Excellency the Lord Carteret, whose Presence is much long'd for by the Citizens, in hopes that their Trade, which has been for some Time almost at a stand, will then be retrieved. We hear the *Diamond* and another 40 Gun Ship will be commissioned for the Channel Service.

Private Letters from Italy mention the great Infirmary and Indisposition of the Duke of Tuscany; which had caused a grand Council to be held by the K. of Spain, and the Proposals of G. Britain and its Allies to be re-examined; and 'tis thought his Majesty's Acceptance thereof cannot be doubted, seeing that he has nothing more at heart than the Succession of the Infant Don Carlos to the Dominions of Tuscany; and that on the other hand the Emperor is no less averse to it, and, we hear, has proposed a Marriage betwixt the Princess of Lorain and the Emperor of Russia, thereby opposing that which was intended with the Duke of Orleans.

From the Weekly Medley, July 26.

The long expected Courier Bannieres is now at last return'd to Paris, and yet we are not one whit wiser than we were, with respect to the great Expectations all Europe was in concerning Peace, or rather a *Suspension of Peace and War*. His Spani



Majesty, still inflexible to the *Intercession* of most Courts in Europe, is not pleas'd, as yet, to open his awful Month, and bless us with his final Resolution. We are, however, told the *Congress of Soissons* will resume its Conferences, but alas! not before September next, where so many things are left to be decided, that in all likelihood the *Sittings* thereof will continue twelve Months longer. In the *Interim*, the Plenipotentiaries at Paris, in imitation of our Admirals at Spithead, feast one another with great Cordiality, wherein the first have indeed great Advantages over the latter, in that the Ladies are admitted to share in the Diversions, &c. We are assur'd his Majesty has put the last Hand to the Treaty between himself and the Duke of Brunswick Wolfenbuttle, notwithstanding all the Craft and Opposition of a certain Great Potentate, who has not been able to penetrate into the Secret of it. New Impôts are to be levied in the Electorate of Hanover. We were wrong informed, when we told our Readers that the *Indulto* had been fix'd at 12. We are now told the K. of Spain will be content with 15, and 5 upon the *Azogue* Ships; and that the Money and Merchandize brought by the *Galleons* and *Azagues* will shortly be delivered to the Proprietors: That they are loading the Flotilla with all Expedition at Cadix, where the Market is overstock'd with FRENCH Goods, which is a convincing Proof how much Favour our good Allies have found, whilst the Spanish Nation, ever triumphant and victorious, enriches itself with the Spoils of the most formidable Powers. But it is hoped a Time will come when his Spanish Majesty will understand his Interest better, and restore what his Subjects have so unjustly taken from them.

Notwithstanding the several Charges delivered from the worshipful Bench of Justices, Lewdness and Profaneness never were so barefac'd as at this Time of Day, when nothing but nauseously infamous Songs, without the Relish of one Grain of Wit are publicly sung in our Streets. No doubt our Magistrates would put a Stop to this Torrent of Wickedness, were they appriz'd of it, so great is their Zeal for the Preservation of our Morals. Whatever the Cause of this Corruption may be, it cannot, with any Justice, be said that it is *Procerum ad exemplum*, who are far from being any ways guilty of the like Dissolution.

Wednesday Morning the Queen, Pr. of Wales, the Duke, and the five Princesses, went to Richmond, din'd there, and return'd about Tea at

Night to Kensington. A Country Carter being elevated with Liquor, refused to give way to her Majesty on the Road; for which the Grooms gave him due Correction with their Whips.

From the French Amsterdam Gazette, Aug. 2.

Vienna, July 20. 'Tis now said the Emperor is satisfied that 12000 Men be sent into Italy, to secure to Don Carlos the Succession to the Dutchie of Tuscany and Parma; but with this Quality, that they be neutral Troops, paid by the Court of Spain, and that they only take the Oaths to Don Carlos. All the Imperial Collonels and Commandants have received Orders to have their Corps complete against next Spring.

Paris, July 25. We reckon that the Queen, who advances very happily in her Pregnancy, will ly in about the Month of September.

From the Evening Post, July 26.

Cadix, July 12. The Galleons are intended to be got ready to sail for Carthage and Porto Bello by January next. The Flota for la Vera Cruz is ordered to be got ready by the 28th Instant, and will sail by the Middle of August. The chief Inducements to shipping in the Flota, is the Assiento Company's sending no annual Ship from England to interfere with them. Our Squadron continues in the Bay.

Leghorn, July 16. Our Great Duke continues indisposed, and none but his chief Ministers are permitted to see him; above all, the German and Spanish Ministers are most inquisitive; but the Prime Minister Juliana keeps them in the dark as much as possible.

London, July 26. The Lyon, Phoenix, and Scarborough, will soon sail from Spithead for the W. Indies, under Admiral Stuart.

The Trial of Mr. Fairley the Exeter Printer, in Exeter Jail, for reprinting *Mist's Journal* of the 24th of August last, is put off till the next Lent Assizes.

From the St. James's Evening-Post, July 26.

Rome, July 10. On Thursday the Pope declared, that he was perfectly reconciled with the Court of Portugal, and that Mr. Bichi would be one of the first nominated to the Purple. The Pope has so far intermeddled with the Affairs of Europe, as to write a very pathetick Letter to his Catholick Majesty, exhorting him to an Accommodation with the rest of the Powers concerned, and that as soon

as possible, as a Means for preserving the Peace of the Church.

London, July 26. It having been represented to the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, that for the Preservation of the Seamen's Lives, it was necessary to have a Physician to visit those sent sick on Shore at Portsmouth and Gosport, during the Continuance of the present Fleet at Spithead; their Lordships have thereupon pleased to appoint Dr. Brady of Portsmouth, at a Guinea a Day.

When the Lords of the Treasury sat at their Office at the Cockpit, on Tuesday last, a Warrant pass'd the Board, appointing James Arbuthnot, Esq; Collector of his Majesty's Customs for the Island of Antigua.

From a Weekly Journal, July 26.

There is Advice from the Court of Spain (which way the Eyes of all have been turned for a long Time) that the King and Queen, with the whole Royal Family, continued to pursue the Diversion of Hunting, Fishing, and taking the Air, notwithstanding the great Hurry of Expresses which had arrived there, one at the Heels of another, from other Courts, with Matters of the utmost Concernment; but it was believed some Proposals at last were arrived, which would in all Probability be accepted--- But whether there is Ground sufficient for our Hopes, as some News-writers have hastily published, before one Word is said of it by Authority, we shall not now determine, but wait the Deliberations thereon, with as much Patience as we have been obliged to do those in the Congress of Solissons, or the Arrival of the Courier Banners. However, another Courier is still expected, and perhaps another, and another, before we can depend on any thing.

From Rome they write, that his Holiness's Gallies are gone to Genoa, to take on board 200,000 Crowns, which has been borrowed there on the Credit of the Apostolick Chamber.

From *Boulogne sur Mer*, that the *Wesel*, one of his Majesty's Sloops, is lying there to take in Wine and Brandy for the Officers of the Fleet still ranged in Line of Battle at Spithead. This is the 2d Vessel that has been here upon that Account. The Smugglers begin to complain of this Trade.

From Paris, That all things seem to be in a mighty Hurry since the Arrival of the Courier Banners, which has given occasion to the dispatching of ten several Expresses to the several Courts of Europe.

But the Affairs of the Living do not so wholly take up their Thoughts as to make them forget the Dead: For, some Days since a Print was published, in which the four chief Cardinals, who have had the Ministry of that Kingdom, are represented in the following Emblems: 1. Cardinal de Richlieu, surrounded by the Sun, as the Planet of the Day. 2. Cardinal Mazarin, carrying the Moon, as the Planet next to the first, or the Planet of the Night. 3. Cardinal Dubois, carrying the Torch of Love. 4. Another Cardinal, holding in his Hand the dying Snuff of a Candle, with a Device proper to the Subject, and which we forbear to give the Publick.

From the Whitehall Evening-Post, July 26.

Rome, July 1. On the 26th past the Pope received at St. Peter's the Abjuration of a Geneva Minister. His Holiness made him a Present of a Pair of Beads, with 2 Gold Medals hanging thereat, one of which was his Holiness's own Picture.

From the London Evening-Post, July 26.

Brussels, Aug. 1. On Thursday last there was a terrible Storm of Thunder and Lightning at Oudenarde, whereby two Peasants were killed and 2 wounded.

London, July 26. The Earl of Rothes, one of the 16 Peers for Scotland, is very soon to be married to Miss Barker of Hampstead, who will have above 80,000 l. Fortune.

We hear that William Finch, Esq; his Majesty's Envoy to the States General, 2d Son to the Earl of Nottingham, will soon be married to a Sister of the D. of Queensberry.

Nine thousand Pound was sent down this Day to Portsmouth, to pay his Majesty's Fleet at Spithead.

Edinburgh, July 31. Lt. General Wade is gone hence for the North, by way of Stirling, where his Excellency reviews the Regiment lately arrived there from Inverlochy.

This Day (being the 17th of the Moon) 'tis High Water at Leith at 3 o' Clock, 6 Min. Tomorrow, at 3, 53 Min. On Saturday, at 4, 42 Min.

Haddington, July 28, 1729.

Best Wheat,	12 00 00.	2d, 11 15 00.	3d, 11 00 00
Best Bear,	09 10 00.	2d, 09 00 00.	3d, 08 16 00
Best Oats,	08 16 00.	2d, 08 12 00.	3d, 08 06 00
Best Pease,	09 09 00.	2d, 09 00 00.	3d, 08 10 00

(7922) ADVERTISEMENTS.

By ADJOURNMENT,

¶ That the Lands and Barony of **MERCHISTON**, comprehending the House, Gardens, Parks, Feu-duties, Lands in Tenantry and others, (as formerly advertised) are to be sold in Wholesale or Parcels, by the Trustees for the Creditors of **JOHN LOWIS** of **MERCHISTON**, on Friday the Fourteenth Day of November next, betwixt the Hours of 3 & 5 after Noon, in the House of William Gray Vintner in the Assembly-close, Edinburgh. The Rental, Progress of Writs, and Conditions of Roup, are to be seen in the Hands of *James Haliburton* Writer to the Signet, Clerk to the Trustees, at his Chamber in the Luckenbooths.

¶ That a Tack of these Parts of the Lands of *Craig-Jeith* now possess'd by John and Thomas Scots, and lately by the deceased Walter Scot their Father, is to be sette for Nineteen Years, commencing to the Lands and Houses after Harvest, and to the Barns at Beltan on the 15th of August next, betwixt the Hours of 2 and 4 after Noon, in the Parliament-house, in Terms of the Articles of Roup thereof, to be seen in the Hands of *Mr. Thomas Gibson*, one of the Depute-clerks of Session, at his Office, any Day before the said Roup.

BY ADJOURNMENT,

There is to be expoid by voluntary Roup, in the House of Robert Biggar Vintner in Edinburgh, upon Friday the 8th August next, at 3 a clock in the Afternoon, the Lands and Barony of *Newton of Falkland*, lying in the Shire of Fife, holding Feu of the Crown, paying yearly 82 Bolls 2 Firloths 2 Pecks Bear, 32 Bolls Oats, and 529 L. 12 sh. 6 d. Scots of free Rent, af er all Deductions. The saids Lands are to be sold jointly or separately. The Rental, Progress and Conditions of Sale are to be seen in the Hands of *John Russell of Braidshaw*, Writer to the Signet, at his Writing-chamber opposite to the Cross-well; likewise in the Hands of *Thomas Aison* Writer in Glentarchie.

¶ There is Stolen out of the Barony of Kilmarie, in the Parish of Dreghorn, Balliary of Cunningham, and Shire of Air, Two dark-colour'd gray HORSES, both long-tail'd, the one cut-man'd, and the other long-man'd, that one cut-man'd has a broken Tooth in his Fore-mouth, about L. 7 Sterling Price each, about or under 6 Years of Age. Any who can give Account of both or either to George Craig present Baillie of Irvine, or Mr. James Macaeuen Bookseller in Edinburgh, shall have a sufficient Reward.

To be Let out, at a very reasonable Rate,
A very fine NEW HEARSE, a rich Velvet PALL-CLOTH and all other requisite Furniture, with MOURNING COACHES, &c. by **WILLIAM LAWDER**, Coach-maker without the Watergate, Canongate-foot; who is

now well provided to serve any Nobleman, Gentleman or others that way.

¶ That the voluntary Roup of the Estates of **FODDERANCE** and **KINNOCHTREE**, formerly advertised to the 19th and 25th of June last, is now Prorogued to Friday the First Day of August next; when it is to proceed in John's Coffeehouse, Edinburgh, betwixt the Hours of 3 and 5 in the Afternoon. The Rentals, Conditions of Sale and Progress of Writs, are to be seen in the Hands of *Alexander Christie* Writer in Edinburgh, at his Chamber in the 4th Storey of Wilkie's Land, at the Back of the Guard.

¶ There is a **PUBLICK MARKET**, for Black Cattle and Sheep, to be held at the Burgh of Sanquhar in the Shire of Dumfries, (a Place extraordinary well situated for the Cattle Trade) on the several Days after-specified, viz. The First Market is to be holden upon the last Monday of July 1729, to answer Dalmellington Fair and the 2d Harleston in England. The Second Market is to be holden on the last Monday of September, to answer Dalmington Fair and St. Faith's in Dumfries. The Third Market is to be holden on the last Monday of September, to answer Dalmington Fair and Hampton in England. The Fourth Market, upon the First Monday of November, to answer the Martinmas Fairs of Edinburgh, Dumfries, Air and Dalmington, for Fat-cattle and Sheep, Drought-ews for Slaughter or Keeping, and for all sorts of Wintering-beasts. There will be also a Fifth Market, upon the last Monday of May, to answer Dalmington Fair and the First Harleston in England. There will be good Accommodation for all People that resort thither; and the Town will allow the Benefit of the common Muir, (which is both large and a good Pasture) for the space of 48 Hours, for marketing the Cattle; and there will be an Exemption from Custom for three Years.

Advertisement from the Trustees of **MERCHISTON**, **BLAIR** and **LETHEM**.

The TRUSTEES having prepared all things for a Sale of the Lands of Merchiston, resolve, That the Ranking shall be immediately finished, that so a Dividend may be made without Delay, when the Money comes to be paid: This is therefore to advertise all the Creditors of the respective common Debtors, that they forthwith Depone before the ARBITERS upon the Verity of their Debts; and for that Purpose, Attendance will be given by the Arbiters in John's Coffeehouse, upon each Friday and Wednesday in the Week (betwixt the Hours of 4 and 5 in the Afternoon) till the Middle of August, for taking the Creditors Oaths; who are intreated to come in-speedily for that purpose, that so their own Affairs may not be prolonged. Such as cannot come in, may apply to the Arbiters, by their Doers, for a Commission; which will be granted, if they shew a reasonable Cause or Impediment why they cannot come in to depone at Edinburgh.

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